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EXPENDITURE IN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenditure being incurred on rural electrification is less as compared to last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor;

(c) whether reduction in the plan expenditure is likely to cost adverse effects on the States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : According to the Planning Commission, the actual expenditure figure reported by the States/Union Territories (UTs) for the power sector do not contain the break up for the sub sectors like generation, transmission & distribution and rural electrification etc. However, the allocation of the total power sector outlay among the different States/UTs for different sub sectors on year-wise basis for the Ninth Plan is given below:-

Plan/Year	Total Power Sector Outlay (Rs. crore)	Outlay for Rural Electrification (Rs. crore)	% of outlay for Rural Electrification to total Power Sector outlay
Annual Plan 1997-98	20831.00	1179.03	5.66
Annual Plan 1998-99	25746.00	1341.37	5.21
Annual Plan 1999-2000	26825.00	1563.90	5.83
Annual Plan 2000-2001	26618.00	2677.77	10.06
Annual Plan 2001-02	27843.00	Not yet received	-

During 8th Plan, out of the total power sector allocation of Rs.79589.32crores, an amount of Rs.4000.00 crores was kept for rural electrification. This works out to 5.03% of total power sector outlay. Therefore, the allocation for Rural Electrification Programme for the Annual Plans of the 9th Plan are higher than that provided during 8th Plan.

In order to accelerate the pace of rural electrification in the country, rural electrification has been treated as a Basic Minimum Service and has been included under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) from the year 2001-02. Under this programme, Government has released an amount of Rs. 412.236 crores to the States during the year 2001-02 for rural electrification. Again, during 2002-2003, against an allocation of Rs. 2747.00 crores under PMGY for all the six components including ruralelectrification, Government has released an amount of Rs. 1369.06 crores as first instalment (50%) to the States for rural electrification. Against an allocation of Rs. 600 crores, an amount of Rs. 300 crores as the instalment (50%) has been released to the States under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) during the year 2002-03 for rural electrification.

Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) has been suitably modified toallow States to access these funds for rural electrification programme. Ministry of Finance has disbursed an amount of Rs. 114.35 crores as on 30.9.2002 for rural electrification including system improvement and hydel power.